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POWER
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FUNDS SPENT ON POWER REFORMS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to spend Rs.40,000 crore for reforms in power sector during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any schemes for distribution, generation and transmission of power separately for implementing reforms in power sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the amount likely to be spent for reforms in each sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : In order to upgrade the sub-transmission and distribution network with the objective of accomplishing reduction of transmission and distribution (technical and commercial) losses, reduction in cash losses by State Electricity Boards/Utilities andsupply of reliable and interruption free power, the Government of India introduced the Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP) in February, 2001 now rechristened as Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP)The Tenth Plan document of the Planning Commission has indicated an amount ofRs.3500 crores for the first year of the Tenth Plan, viz., 2002-03 on power sector reforms under the APDRP.

(c) : No, Sir. The Government has not formulated any separate scheme for implementing reforms in the generation and transmission of power.

(d) & (e) : Do not arise, in view of reply to (c) above.